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1. By late July 1954 about 200 Russian emigrants had left Shanghai for the USSR.¹
2. By late July about 100 Russian emigrants had left Tientsin for the USSR.²
3. By early August, approximately 8,000 Russian emigrants had left Manchuria for the USSR as a result of the recent Soviet repatriation program. About 3,000 of these were from Harbin, about 1,000 were from Dairen, and the rest were from other areas of Manchuria.
4. The repatriates were not permitted to choose the area in the USSR in which they wished to settle. They were sent to the following areas: Kazakhstan, Turkestan, and Altay Mountains. All repatriates received 4,000 rubles after crossing the Sino-Soviet border into the USSR.³ At that time they were also informed by Soviet authorities that they were to build their own homes in the areas to which they were being sent.
5. Life in the USSR is difficult for many of the recent repatriates. [redacted] daughter and son-in-law are sharing a small, one-room house with a Soviet farmer. The [redacted] family has a monthly income of 2,000 rubles, the total amount of wages received by the daughter and her husband. Both [redacted] are employed by a tractor combine in the area. [redacted]

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Comments

1. [redacted] only 250 to 300 of the approximately 1,000 registrants in Shanghai for repatriation to the USSR passed the strict physical examinations.

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2. [redacted] the first group of approximately 50 repatriates were scheduled to leave Tientsin for the USSR about 5 June 1954.

3. [redacted] by 20 July approximately 1,500 Russians had left Harbin for the USSR.

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4. [redacted] the three areas as: Kazakhstan, northern Caucasus, or northern Urals.

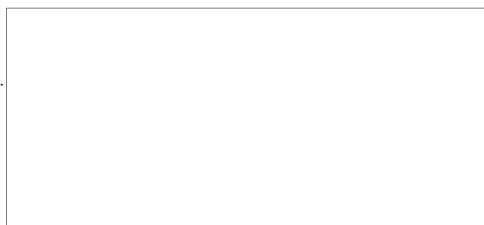
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5. [redacted] each member of the first group of repatriates from Shanghai was permitted to take JPY 4 million which, according to the Soviet Consulate, would be converted to 800 rubles at the Sino-Soviet border.

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6. [redacted] a family of three required a total monthly income of at least 3,000 rubles for subsistence.

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